(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Financial assistance is provided to Papikonda Sanctuary under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries". During 2003-04 Rs. 12.70 lakhs was released to this Sanctuary under the Scheme.

Dust pollution in metro cities

1648. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans under consideration of Government to reduce dust pollution, especially in the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bangalore, Mumbai and Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) Government's plan to do AWAY with the dust pollution caused by the red sand being spread regularly around Government buildings like Parliament House, Rashtrapati Bhavan and few other buildings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) For controlling air pollution from various sources, including dust pollution as part of Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM)/Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter (RSPM), city specific Action Plans have been prepared for Delhi, Bangalore, Mumbai and Chennai. These Action Plans entail issues like control of vehicular emission, industrial pollution and pollution from other human acitivities. In this regard, the Government has taken various steps to control pollution, which include enforcement of auto exhaust emission standards, improved fuel quality, use of beneficiated coal and restriction on the burning of bio-mass and bio-fuels.